

# Asheville School

2024-2025 | ACADEMIC PROFILE

## MOTTO:

*Vitae Excelsiores Limen*

*Threshold of a higher life*

## MISSION STATEMENT:

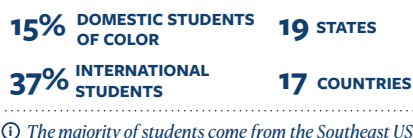
Asheville School is a diverse and nurturing community that challenges and supports the mind, body, and spirit of our students by developing their resilience, intellect, and character.



### Total Student Enrollment



### Student Representation



### Financial Aid



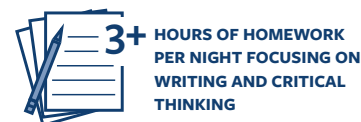
### Extra Curricular Requirements



### Matriculation



### Coursework



## Special Programs



### BLUES CORE

In 2021, Asheville School launched an expansive, four-year curriculum focused on health, emotional well-being, and human relationships called Blues Core. The mission of Blues Core is to prepare our students for college and for life; to educate students so they can make informed choices; to create time for teenagers to talk about life issues in small groups with adults; and to enhance belonging among our students. The senior-year curriculum focuses on the social, emotional, and logistical issues associated with graduating from high school and successfully navigating college.



### THE SENIOR DEMONSTRATION

A graduation requirement, the Senior Demonstration is a semester-long capstone academic experience at Asheville School. Each student must choose a topic of intensive research, read several books with a related theme, write a significant research paper, and complete an oral defense before a board of faculty members.

## Accreditations & Affiliations

SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SAIS	Southern Association of Independent Schools
NAIS	National Association of Independent Schools
NCAIS	North Carolina Association of Independent Schools
NACAC	National Association for College Admission Counseling
SACAC	Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
ACCIS	Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
CEEB	College Entrance Examination Board
CUM LAUDE SOCIETY	

## College Office (828) 254-6345 | CEEB CODE: 340120

**Mr. John Smith**  
Co-Director of the College Office  
smithj@ashevilleschool.org

**Ms. Amy McCuin**  
Co-Director of the College Office  
mccuina@ashevilleschool.org

**Dr. Anthony H. Sgro**  
Head of School  
sgroa@ashevilleschool.org

**Mr. Van Kussrow**  
Registrar  
kussrowv@ashevilleschool.org



Asheville School

(828) 254-6345

360 Asheville School Road, Asheville, NC 28806

ashevilleschool.org

ASHEVILLE SCHOOL

Academic Overview

A New Sequence for Humanities Courses

For many years, our Humanities Department featured a four-year sequence of required multi-disciplinary courses. Students of all levels earned English and History credits by taking the same sequence of Ancient Studies (9), World Studies (10), European Studies (11), and American Studies (12). Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, we are opening more space in our student schedules for electives by shifting our History requirement to three years. At the same time, we are creating Advanced levels in both English and History for the 11th and 12 grades. Our 9th and 10th grade courses will remain at a single level. The Class of 2025 will fulfill the pre-existing graduation requirements by taking required courses in American Literature 12 and American History 12. Both courses will have an Advanced option.

- The Class of 2026 and beyond will take courses in the new sequence:
- World Literature 9 World Cultures 9
  - European Literature 10 Western Civilization 10
  - American Literature 11 – or -- American History 11 – or -- American Literature 11 (Adv) American History 11 (Adv)

Beyond AP

After thoughtful review, Asheville School has chosen to join a growing movement among independent schools: We are shifting away from the College Board’s “AP” curriculum and developing our own “Advanced” courses. We believe that our teachers have designed courses that equal AP classes in rigor but exceed them in depth.

Our course list clearly designates where we have replaced “AP” courses with our own “Advanced” courses. We encourage colleges that traditionally assign weight to “AP” courses to assign the same weight to these “Advanced” courses.

World Language Exception

Students for whom English is a second language are not required to take an additional world language. They may choose to do so, but many opt for an additional math or science course or an elective. On occasion, the School will grant a language waiver to students with appropriate educational testing.

Course Offerings | 20 Advanced & 14 Honors Courses

► Asterisk (\*) denotes trimester course, (H) denotes Honors course, (Adv) denotes Advanced course

<b>ENGLISH</b> World Literature 9 European Literature 10 American Literature 11 American Literature 11 (Adv) American Literature 12 American Literature 12 (Adv) <b>HISTORY</b> World Cultures 9 Western Civilization 10 American History 11 American History 11 (Adv) American History 12 American History 12 (Adv) <b>HUMANITIES</b> Economics (H) Intro to Economics & Personal Finance* Creative Writing Campaigns & Elections* This I Believe*	<b>FINE ARTS</b> Studio Art I: Introduction* Studio Art II: Painting & Drawing Studio Art II: Multimedia Year Studio Art III: Advanced Art (H) Portfolio Development (Adv) Film Production Stage Production & Performance* Musical Theater Dance* Ballet Barre & Conditioning* Modern Dance & Choreography* Asheville Arts in Service & Internship* Introduction to Music* Vocal Music* Dance Ensemble* Applied Music*	<b>MATH</b> Quantitative Reasoning 1 Quantitative Reasoning 1 (H) Quantitative Reasoning II Quantitative Reasoning II (H) Precalculus Precalculus (Adv) Precalculus (H) Statistics Statistics (Adv) Calculus AB (Adv) Calculus BC (Adv) Advanced Topics in Mathematics (Adv)	<b>SCIENCE</b> Biology Biology (H) Biology (Adv) Chemistry Chemistry (H) Chemistry (Adv) Physics Physics (H) Physics 1 (Adv) Physics 2 (Adv) Physics C (Adv) Environmental Science (Adv) Anatomy & Physiology Psychology	<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b> Spanish I Spanish II Spanish II (H) Spanish III Spanish III (H) Spanish IV Spanish IV (H) Spanish Language (Adv) Spanish Literature (Adv) Spanish Culture & Conversation French I French II French II (H) French III French III (H) French IV French IV (H) French Language (Adv) French Literature (Adv)
--	---	--	--	--

Graduation Requirements

Area of Study	Credits Required
Humanities-English	4
Humanities-History	3*
Math   <i>Must include Precalculus</i>	4
Science   <i>Must include Biology and Chemistry</i>	3
World Language   <i>One language, or 2 credits each of two languages</i>	3
Fine Arts   <i>One trimester</i>	1/3
Course credits required for graduation ►	17 1/3
*Starting with 2025-2026 graduates	

Course Load Expectations

Since adopting a seven-period schedule four years ago, we have encouraged students to enroll in six courses per trimester when appropriate. For the 2024-2025 school year, we still encourage students to enroll in six courses, though the basic expectation remains five courses per trimester.

Reporting Mid-Year Grades to Colleges

We will send initial transcripts to colleges with grades through the end of the junior year and the courses for the senior year. We will send transcripts with first trimester grades in support of Early Decision applications in early November, and we will send a mid-year transcript with year-to-date grades in support of all other applications in early January.

School Calendar

Asheville School began operating on a three-trimester system in 2020-2021. One week of “*Winterim*” courses falls between the second and third trimesters. Students sit for comprehensive exams at the end of the year.

# UNWEIGHTED GPA Grading

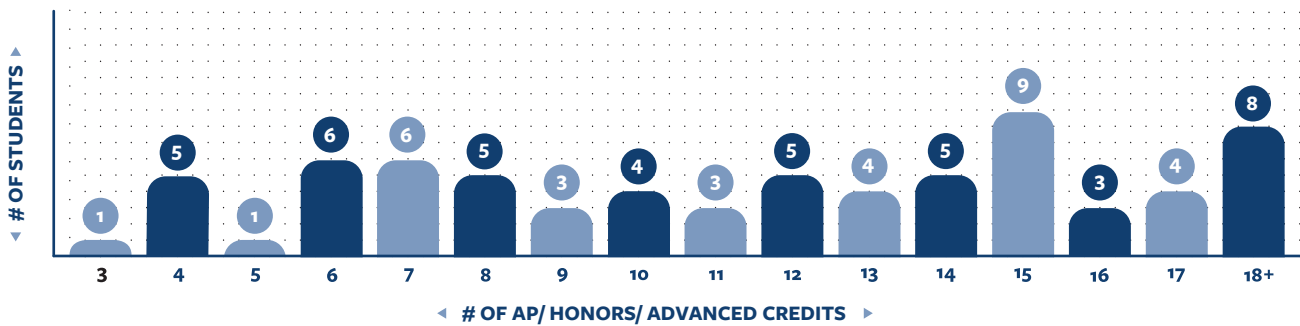
*Asheville School does not rank students.* Instead, we use the transcript to report Unweighted GPAs (both by year and cumulative) for work done at Asheville School. We offer the chart below to provide a rough sense of how GPA's line up after an unofficial sorting of results.

## Student GPA's

Class of 2025		Classes of 2021-2024		
QUINTILE	MEAN GPA	QUINTILE	MEAN GPA	MEAN SAT
I	4.05	I	4.04	1429
II	3.77	II	3.76	1361
III	3.33	III	3.54	1283
IV	3.05	IV	3.25	1179
V	2.46	V	2.70	1154
OVERALL	3.36	OVERALL	3.46	-
MIDDLE 50%	3.84-3.01	MIDDLE 50%	3.83-3.18 (GPA)	1420-1150 (SAT)

## Total Number of AP, Honors &Advanced Courses Completed & In Progress | Class of 2025

► Totals include courses taken at Asheville School and courses taken at previous schools



## Grade Distribution by Department | Academic Year 2023-2024

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	BELOW C
ENGLISH	8%	21%	18%	15%	14%	9%	5%	5%	6%
HISTORY	9%	22%	18%	9%	13%	9%	7%	5%	6%
SCIENCE	12%	23%	16%	10%	14%	10%	7%	4%	3%
MATH	12%	20%	18%	9%	13%	10%	5%	7%	5%
HUMANITIES	23%	47%	17%	5%	5%	2%	0%	2%	0%
LANGUAGE	23%	19%	14%	10%	14%	5%	3%	3%	7%
FINE ARTS	45%	35%	6%	3%	6%	2%	2%	0%	1%
TOTALS	15%	24%	16%	10%	12%	8%	5%	4%	5%

## Asheville School Grading Scale

LETTER GRADE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
NUMERIC GRADE	97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	Below 60
GRADE POINT	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	.7	0

WP: Withdrawn from course with passing mark      WF: Withdrawn from course with failing mark

# ASHEVILLE SCHOOL

## College Matriculation

### Classes of 2020-2024

#### NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	27
Wake Forest University	9
North Carolina State University	9
Davidson College	8
University of North Carolina Wilmington	6
Duke University	4
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	4
University of North Carolina at Asheville	4
Appalachian State University	4
High Point University	4
Queens University of Charlotte	3
Elon University	2
Western Carolina University	1
North Carolina A & T State University	1
East Carolina University	1
Fayetteville Technical Community College	1
Methodist University	1

#### SOUTHEAST

College of Charleston	8
Sewanee: The University of the South	8
Washington and Lee University	6
Texas Christian University	5
Wofford College	5
Emory University	4
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	4
University of Georgia	4
Tulane University of Louisiana	4
University of Richmond	4
Clemson University	3
University of Miami	3
Belmont University	3
Rhodes College	3
The University of Tampa	2
The University of Alabama	2
University of Mississippi	2
Roanoke College	2
University of South Carolina	2
University of Kentucky	2
William & Mary	2
Auburn University	2
Furman University	1
Louisiana Tech University	1
Millsaps College	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Vanderbilt University	1
Stetson University	1
Centre College	1
Spelman College	1
Rollins College	1
Hampton University	1
Morehouse College	1
University of Virginia (Main Campus)	1
Georgia State University	1
Savannah College of Art and Design	1
Newberry College	1

#### MID-ATLANTIC

George Washington University	8
New York University	5
Penn State University (University Park)	4
American University	2
Stony Brook University	2
Lafayette College	2
University of Pennsylvania	2

Columbia University	2
Bryn Mawr College	1
Washington & Jefferson College	1
The College of Wooster	1
Georgetown University	1
Villanova University	1
Bucknell University	1
Central Michigan University	1
Lehigh University	1
Ursinus College	1
Dickinson College	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Seton Hill University	1
Barnard College	1

#### NEW ENGLAND

University of Vermont	4
Boston University	4
Yale University	3
Cornell University	3
Connecticut College	3
Tufts University	3
Bates College	2
Dartmouth College	2
Skidmore College	2
Northeastern University	2
Rochester Institute of Technology	2
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Syracuse University	1
Wentworth Institute of Technology	1
Boston College	1
SUNY University at Buffalo	1
Babson College	1
Brandeis University	1
Emerson College	1
Bowdoin College	1
Harvard University	1
Colby College	1
Middlebury College	1
Trinity College	1

#### WEST

University of Colorado Boulder	4
University of California (Davis)	3
Stanford University	3
University of California (Los Angeles)	3
University of Denver	2
University of California (Irvine)	2
University of California (San Diego)	2
University of San Francisco	2

Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	2
University of California (Berkeley)	2
Pitzer College	1
University of Oregon	1
Montana State University	1
Colorado School of Mines	1
University of Utah	1
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)	1
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix)	1
Colorado College	1
Loyola Marymount University	1
University of Southern California	1
University of California (Santa Cruz)	1
California Polytechnic St. Univ. (San Luis Obispo)	1
University of California (Santa Barbara)	1

#### MIDWEST

Purdue University (Main Campus)	7
Denison University	4
University of Wisconsin (Madison)	4
Columbia College (Chicago)	2
Washington University in St. Louis	2
The Ohio State University	2
Aurora University	1
Marquette University	1
DePauw University	1
Beloit College	1
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	1
Hillsdale College	1
Kenyon College	1
University of Oklahoma	1
Indiana University (Bloomington)	1
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1

#### SOUTHWEST

Southern Methodist University	4
Texas Tech University	2
Blinn College	2
New Mexico Military Institute	1
The University of Texas at Austin	1

#### INTERNATIONAL

Trinity College Dublin	3
University of Toronto	2
Macalester College	2
Franklin University Switzerland	1
Bath Spa University	1
The University of Edinburgh	1
Cardiff University	1
NYU Shanghai	1
University of St Andrews	1
University of Bristol	1
University of Calgary	1
McGill University	1
Deree College, The American College of Greece	1
Leiden University	1
University of Madrid	1

### College Destination by Region

NORTH CAROLINA	24%
SOUTHEAST	26%
MID-ATLANTIC	11%
NEW ENGLAND	9%
WEST	10%
MIDWEST	9%
SOUTHWEST	3%
INTERNATIONAL	5%

